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Evers-Williams Is Sworn In As NAACP Chairperson In D.C.

At Washington's Metropolitan AME Church where more than a century ago Frederick Douglass prayed and conferred with colleagues before tramping to the nearby White House to prod U.S. Presidents to act in civil rights matters, Myrlie Evers-Williams took over the helm of the NAACP.

She becomes the third woman in history to serve as chairperson of the venerable civil rights organization.

The plucky woman fighter was sworn into office in a dramatic symbolic ceremony by seven Black federal judges, including Judges Robert L. Carter and Nathaniel R. Jones, who served as NAACP general counsel. The others in the judicial honor guard were Detroit Judge Damon J. Keith who presided, retired Judge A. Leon Higgenbotham, Matthew Perry, Norman Hollaway Johnson, and Judith W. Rogers.

Sharing in the hallowed moment of leadership ascension were civil rights veteran Mrs. Rosa Parks, Mrs. Coretta Scott King, widow of the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.; Mrs. Betty Shabazz, the widow of Malcolm X; Ms. Dorothy Height, chairman of the National Council of Negro Women and political activist C. Delores Tucker.

The "new symbol of hope" spoke to and prayed with more than 1,000 NAACP loyalists during a moving Mothers Day ceremony, which she



▲ *Myrlie Evers-Williams is sworn in as chairwoman of the NAACP by Michigan U.S. Court of Appeals Judge Damon J. Keith in Washington, D.C. Evers-Williams, widow of slain civil rights worker Medgar Evers, faces the challenge of restoring the image and financial strength of the organization.*

described as "starting out on a new freedom path."

At the celebration, the NAACP faithful donated and pledged more than $2 million in a valiant effort to wipe out a $4 million debt and put the ailing civil rights giant back on its feet.

Columnist Carl Rowan, one of the three event coordinators, who made personal contact with CEO's of Fortune 500 companies, invited the following, who personally presented checks: Allan H. Neuharth, Freedom Forum chairman, $375,000, John H. Curley, CEO, Gannett, $100,000 Vice President Jerry Florence of Nissan Motors, $100,000 and William Brooks, $86,000.

Also coordinating the event were Detroit Federal Judge Damon Keith and Ms. C. Delores Tucker.

Rowan also announced contributions of actor Denzel Washington, $100,000, Star Foundation, $100,000, Chrysler Motors Corp. $100,000, K-Mart, $25,000, The Embassy of Nigeria, $10,000.

To match the generous outflow of funds, there was a wide array of the nation's most recognizable pace setters in public affairs who volunteered time and their own monies to help out an organization which for many was the catalyst for their success. Among the guests were Attorney General Janet Reno, retired Army General Colin Powell and White House advisor Vernon Jordan, presidential assistant Alexis Herman and Maggie Williams, the chief of staff for the First Lady.

Among the most thrilled onlookers were Reena and James Evers, two of the children of the new NAACP chairperson.

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NATIONAL REPORT

Three Blacks Could Lose Cabinet Posts If GOP Budget Cut Plan Is Passed In Congress



▲ *Clinton Cabinet members whose departments would be eliminated under the budget cuts currently proposed by the Republican-led Congress are (l-r) Ron Brown, secretary of commerce; Hazel O'Leary, secretary of energy; and Jesse Brown, secretary of veterans' affairs.*

Three of the four Black members of President Clinton's Cabinet could lose their jobs because their departments may be eliminated under proposed Republican budget cuts.

The GOP-dominated Congress wants to balance the budget by the year 2002, seeking $1.4 trillion in savings. And already targeted for phaseout are the departments of Commerce (headed by Ron Brown), Energy (headed by Hazel O'Leary) and Veterans' Affairs (headed by Jesse Brown).

The only remaining Black Cabinet member would be Drug Czar Lee Brown.

The hit, promised last November when the GOP gained control of Congress after winning the House for the first time in 40 years, stirred a hornet's nest of opposition and forecasted a year-long, race-tinged power struggle on Capitol Hill.

"This is a terrible outrage," said VA Secretary Brown whose plan to build more hospitals was gutted in the money crunch. "American people don't want to default on our most sacred obligation, that of caring for our veterans."

"It's scalp taking time," warned Energy Secretary O'Leary when called to the White House for a strategy session.

Caught in the middle was the all-time high total of Black lawmakers elected to Congress. Since only two (of the 41) members are Republican, the majority of the Congressional Black Caucus, being Democratic, have been stripped of their usual



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number of committee and subcommittee chairmanships and have little influence in the power build-up. As they prepared an all out effort to arouse Black voters to stymie the passage of "the revolutionary plan," many in the caucus fear dire results.

Slated for termination are a total of 13 federal agencies, 284 programs and almost 70 commissions.

Cutbacks in funding could affect Howard University which receives more than $300 million yearly as well as federal support of minority enterprise, Black college, and social welfare programs.

First in the fray to defend the President's program, White House Chief of Staff Leon E. Panetta, particularly stormed against the planned reduction of Medicare and Medicaid, arguing, "They confirm our worst suspicions about the direction they want to take the country."

Atlanta Rep. John Lewis called the proposed cuts on Medicare "an attack on a system that millions of seniors have come to rely on for quality medical care." He urged the GOP "not to take health care from our senior citizens to pay for tax cuts for the rich."

The Agency for International Development also faces closing, indicating that aid to Africa will be slashed, hindering all out help to South Africa President Nelson Mandela during a crucial period.

One administration official warned that if aid is not forthcoming, more African babies will die and AIDS will spread unchecked.

Johnnie Cochran Files Suit In Oklahoma City On Behalf Of Four Survivors

Prestigious Los Angeles attorney Johnnie Cochran Jr. recently spent time away from the O.J. Simpson trial to aid victims of the Oklahoma City tragedy.

Cochran filed a lawsuit in federal court in Oklahoma City on behalf of four survivors of the deadly federal building bombing.



Johnnie Cochran

The lawsuit is against ICI Explosives U.S.A. Inc., the manufacturer of the fertilizer used in the bomb which killed 167 people and injured 400 at the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in downtown Oklahoma City.

The suit seeks $50,000 per plaintiff on the grounds that the company didn't attempt to reduce or eliminate the explosive potential of the fertilizer.

At JET press time, two people had been arrested in connection with the bombing. They are Timothy McVeigh, 27, of Perry, OK, and Terry Nichols, 40, of Herrington, KS.

NOTICE OF CLASS SETTLEMENT

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI JACKSON DIVISION

LORENE NEALY, et al. vs. Woodmen of the World Life Insurance Society

NO. 3:93-CV-536 BN

AFRICAN-AMERICAN CERTIFICATE HOLDERS OF WOODMEN OF THE WORLD/OMAHA WOODMEN LIFE INSURANCE SOCIETY

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PLEASE READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY SINCE IT MAY AFFECT YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS. YOU MAY BE ENTITLED TO SHARE IN THE PROCEEDS OF THIS PROPOSED CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT. THIS NOTICE TELLS YOU WHO IS COVERED BY THE SETTLEMENT AND GENERALLY DESCRIBES THE LITIGATION, THE POTENTIAL BENEFITS OF THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AND YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS.

ALL SETTLING CLASS MEMBERS WHO DO NOT TIMELY EXCLUDE THEMSELVES FROM THE LAWSUIT WILL BE BOUND BY THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT IF IT IS APPROVED BY THE COURT. **FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 1-800-927-2987.**

By Order of the Court, a class action has been conditionally certified for settlement purposes only in Lorene Nealy v. Woodmen of the World Life Insurance Society, Civil Action No. 3:93-CV-536 BN in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi. On August 3, 1995, the Court will hold a Fairness Hearing at the Courthouse, 245 East Capitol Street, Jackson, Mississippi, so the Court can determine if the class action should be finally certified and the Settlement approved as fair, reasonable and adequate. This hearing may be continued without further notice.

This class action suit alleges that Woodmen engaged in wrongful conduct in refusing to afford members of the class the full benefits of the terms and conditions of their Woodmen certificates on the basis of race, such as use of Woodmen lodges; and that Woodmen committed fraud and fraudulently concealed its wrongful conduct from its African-American/black certificate holders. Woodmen denies all of these allegations.

THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT

The terms of the Proposed Settlement are set forth in detail in a Stipulation of Settlement dated April 28, 1995 (the "Stipulation"), which has been filed with the Court. The terms are only summarized here. You are encouraged to call **1-800-927-2987** or write to Class Counsel, Steven A. Martino, One Shell Square, Box 46, New Orleans, LA 70139, if you have any questions, or would like a Proof of Claim form or a more detailed notice. **DO NOT CONTACT THE CLERK OF COURT.**

A. CASH PAYMENT AND PAID-UP INSURANCE

The Proposed Settlement, if approved by the Court, will result in a cash payment for the benefit of the Class of a total of $18,000,000 (the "Cash Settlement Fund"), and the payment of $1,600,000 to fund the purchase of paid-up whole life insurance (the "Paid-Up Insurance Fund") to certain members of the class. After certain reductions, the cash and insurance will be distributed to members of the class based upon allocation formulas that are available upon request.

B. OTHER BENEFITS TO THE CLASS

Woodmen will establish a $1,000,000 fund for the improvement of its Equal Access Plan and will contribute $2,500,000 to enhance the participation of African-American members in its youth programs. Funds will also be distributed to the United Negro College Fund.

C. FEES, EXPENSES AND REPRESENTATIVE AWARDS

Class Counsel will request the Court to award expenses, as well as attorneys' fees in an amount not exceeding 28% of the total value of the cash and non-cash benefits, and to award Class Representatives up to $50,000 each for having served as Class Representatives.

CLAIMS YOU RELEASE IF YOU DO NOT EXCLUDE YOURSELF FROM THE SETTLEMENT OF THE CLASS ACTION

If the Proposed Settlement is approved, and if you do not request exclusion from the Settlement Class, you will be releasing Woodmen and certain additional releasees from any and all claims regarding the application for, underwriting of, purchase of, or the failure to receive or enjoy benefits in conjunction with insurance issued by Woodmen, including claims for alleged intentional and deliberate theft of the premiums paid or cash value accrued on a Woodmen insurance policy.

RIGHTS AND OPTIONS OF SETTLING CLASS MEMBERS

1. **You May Remain a Settling Class Member and be represented by Class Counsel at no cost to you individually.**
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3. **You May Remain a Settling Class Member and Object to the Settlement.**
4. **If You Choose to Remain a Settling Class Member (under Options 1, 2 or 3 above), You MUST Complete A Proof of Claim Form to Receive Any Benefits and Submit It No Later Than July 15, 1995.**
5. **You May Request Exclusion From the Settlement Class.**

DEADLINES FOR ABOVE OPTIONS

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PROOF OF CLAIM PROCEDURE

If you do not exclude yourself from the Settlement Class, and you wish to share in the proceeds of the Cash Settlement Fund and receive other benefits as set forth above, **YOU MUST SUBMIT A COMPLETED AND TIMELY PROOF OF CLAIM FORM NO LATER THAN JULY 15, 1995.**

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TICKER TAPE

by Simeon Booker, *Washington Bureau Chief*

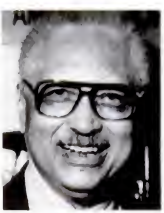
Confidential: New House regulations are expected to wipe out the annual Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) Weekend celebration and could postpone the erection of a new CBC building in the nation's capital. The GOP rules bar lawmakers from raising money for groups they founded or control. Some Hill legislative organizations already have closed down. Chicago Rep. **Cardiss Collins**, the board chair of the CBC Foundation, and 10 other CBC board members are studying the situation before making a final decision. They fear that if the ban cannot be broken, the fall weekend fund-raiser will have to be cancelled...Hoping for assistance from friends is the NAACP's former legislative consultant **Yvonne Price** whose recent training institute business went under after D.C. reneged on almost $3 million of subcontracts....The detaining of U.S. Ambassador **Aurelia Brazeal** almost caused an international furor in Kenya. Police stopped her car as she motored to offices of an opposition leader.... After Denver's Rev. **Clyde H. Miller, Jr.** conducted a House prayer, Colorado Rep. **Patricia Schroeder** took the floor to identify the minister of the city's Eastside Christian Church as "my pastor." She said that he has "a Barbara Jordanesque voice that touches the soul of people"...One contribution of the recent Dakar Summit engineered by Dr. **Leon Sullivan** is an agreement to improve coverage of Africa in the U.S. media. The constituency for Africa's **Melvin P. Foote** negotiated with the Panafrican News Agency with correspondents in 31 African countries to promote direct information exchanges.

National Headliners

Tuskegee University May graduate– **Douglass Washington Morris**, the great-great-grandson of **Booker T. Washington** and the great-great-great grandson of **Frederick Douglass**. He is the son of **Nettie Washington Douglass**, the first to unite the two great bloodlines. He will work with IBM's consulting division in Chicago...Rep.**Donald M. Payne** delivered a House salute to retired Newark Assistant School Superintendent Dr. **E. Alma Flagg**, who had an elementary school named in her honor. For a few weeks, Detroiters proved that aviatrix **Bessie Coleman** was more popular in the city than former President Richard Nixon. Her postage stamps outsold Nixon's by a 3-2 margin.



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▲ **UNICEF's New Goodwill Ambassador:** Actress Julia Roberts (r), UNICEF's new goodwill ambassador, is escorted by Elizabeth Gibbons, director of UNICEF in Haiti, after arriving at Port-au-Prince Airport on a recent six day visit. ◀ During her trip, Roberts met with Haitian President Jean Bertrand Aristide at the Presidential Palace in Port-au-Prince. Roberts made the trip to call attention to the plight of children in Haiti, ravaged by poverty and the effects of a series of international trade embargoes.

Black Enterprise's Top 100 Black Firms Hit $11 Billion Mark

The nation's 100 largest Black-owned companies hit a record $11 billion in 1994, according to the annual Black Enterprise report.

With combined 1994 sales of $11.71 billion, these companies recorded a 13.91 percent increase in revenue, according to the 23rd annual report in the June edition of Black Enterprise.

Black Enterprise Publisher Earl Graves said of survey findings, "In 1994, the B.E. 100s companies maintained the double-digit sales growth they have enjoyed since the 1990-91 recession." Here is a list of the nation's top 10 Black firms and their 1994 sales in millions of dollars:

1. TLC Beatrice International Holdings Inc., of New York; international food processor and distributor: $1,800.000.

2. Johnson Publishing Company, Inc., of Chicago; publishing, broadcasting, TV production, cosmetics and haircare: $306,608.

3. Philadelphia Coca-Cola Bottling Company, Inc., of Philadelphia; soft drink bottler: $305,000.

4. H.J. Russell & Company, of Atlanta; construction, communications and airport concessions: $154,700.

5. Pulsar Data Systems, of New Castle, DE; systems integration, office automation and computer reseller: $137,000.

6. RMS Technologies Inc., of Marlton, NJ; computer and technical services: $121,000.

7. The Anderson-Dubose Company, of Solon, OH; food distributor: $118,000.

8. Gold Line Refining Ltd., of Houston; oil refinery: $108,564.

9. UniWorld Group, Inc., of New York; advertising, public relations, event marketing and TV programming: $104,080.

10) BET Holdings Inc., of Washington, D.C.; cable television network and magazine publishing: $97,500.

Black Enterprise Magazine Publisher Earl Graves (l) lists (l-r) Loida Lewis, John H. Johnson and J. Bruce Llewellyn as the nation's top Black business owners for 1994.






Why The Absence Of Dads Increases The Number Of Children In Poverty

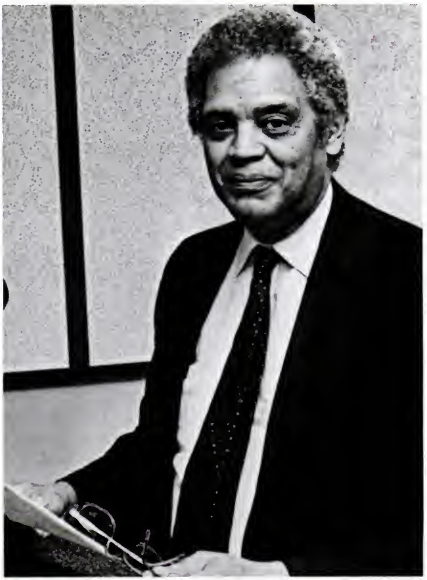
In a perfect world the words children and poverty would never go together. But in America they are inextricably linked.

A principal reason for the increased number of children living at or below the poverty level, according to the recently released report *Kids Count*, is due to the rise in absentee fathers.

"There remains ample reason for national alarm over the increasing share of our children who are growing up without fathers playing an important part in their lives," said the report.

Astonishingly, the report, which was commissioned by the Annie E. Casey Foundation in Baltimore showed that in 1992 one in four children–or 19 million youngsters–in the United States lived in single-parent homes headed by mothers. Of that number, a whopping 36% of those children were living in poverty compared with only 7% of children living in two-parent households.

In the Black community, the statistics are even more staggering. For the same year, 1992–the number of Black households headed by mothers reached well over 50%. And sadly, among those children, 71.3% lived below the poverty level.



▲ *In "Kids Count" report, George Mason University professor Roger Wilkins cites the correlation between mother-headed households and the difficulties these women experience in finding an employed marriage partner.*

"Despite cultural shifts in the roles of men and women over the past few decades, being the significant breadwinner remains a key definitional element of fatherhood in America," relates the sixth annual *Kids Count* report. "A 1990 poll found that 77% of

young women felt a well-paying job was an essential requirement for a husband, while only 25% of men indicated this was an essential characteristic for a wife."

The importance of finances to women becomes apparent when a father abandons his family and leaves with money and credit. The mother, without an income, has little chance of establishing credit on her own.

In the *Kids Count* report, George Mason University professor Roger Wilkins, citing the correlation between mother-headed households and the difficulty these women experience in finding a marriage partner with stable employment, observed: "Poor children need families, and in a culture where almost half the marriages end in divorce, the very least the most vulnerable citizens need for a chance to form and keep families is a real shot at earned income."

According to *Kids Counts*, there is a powerful correlation between diminished male earnings and employment, and the increase in absentee fathers in high poverty communities.

"Children in father-absent families are five times more likely to be poor and about ten times more likely to be extremely poor," says *Kids Count*.

The report, W*orld Without Work Causes and Consequences of Black Male Joblessness,* asserts that "the relationship between the economic well-being of Black men and the stability of the Black family is complex."

Further burdening fatherless children is the fact they do not typically have access to the same resources as those coming from two-parent homes.

And public assistance, designed to help bring them out of poverty, does not succeed, points out the *Kids Count* report.

"For example, the combination of AFDC (Aid To Families With Dependent Children) and Food Stamps is below the poverty line in every state and under 75% of the poverty line in 41 states and the District of Columbia."

Additionally, explains the *Kids Count* report, "relatively few single parents receive adequate child-support payments. A recent analysis indicates that 58% of the gap in the amount that children 'should receive' in child support from absent fathers and what they actually do receive is due to the lack of child-support awards."

But even with all the statistics, studies, and research done on the issue of absentee fathers in general, the *World Without Work* report, which was jointly compiled by the Center for the Study of Social Policy and the Philadelphia Children's Network, has said that the Black angle has yet to be fully addressed.

And unfortunately, what research has been done paints a dismal picture. For example, between 1967 and 1992 the median income of Black married-couple families rose 51% from $22,626 to $34,196. In sharp contrast, the median income of single-mother families rose only 2.6% from $11,653 to $11,956.

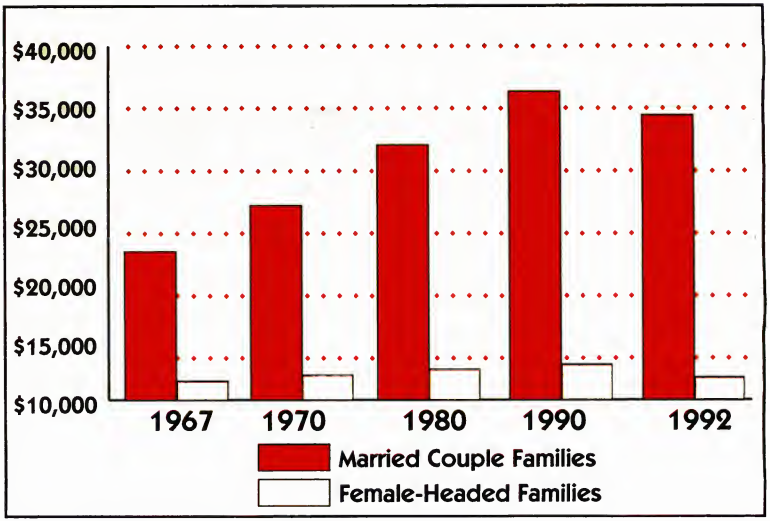
"Poverty is the single most important factor in these families' disorganization–it is both a cause and result of single parent homes," says Dr. Vivian Gadsden, who authored the report *The Absence of Father: Effects on Children's Development and Family Functioning.* "Children exposed to chronic poverty face severe limits in all domains of life choices."

Children's Defense Fund President and founder Marian Wright Edelman agrees.

"Child poverty stalks its survivors down every avenue of their lives," Edelman has said. "It places them at greater risk of hunger, homelessness, sickness, physical or mental disability, violence, educational failure, teen parenthood, and family stress, and deprives them of positive early childhood experiences and the adolescent stimulation and creative outlets that help prepare more affluent children for school and then college and work."

Dr. Gadsden has also said that poverty combined with father absence further inhibits childrens' abil-

▼ *The graph below shows the disparity between the median amount of money earned in Black married couple households and the amount of money in households headed only by Black females. Statistics are figures from the U.S. Bureau of Census, citing the years 1967 through 1992.*



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ity to chart their own futures because they lack role models.

"These effects are particularly insidious for African-American boys who already suffer from negative stereotypes," said Dr. Gadsden, who, in addition to being a published author on absentee fathers, is the associate director of the National Center for Adult Literacy and assistant professor of the Graduate School of Education at the University of Pennsylvania.

But it is impossible to work through those negative stereotypes, related William Darity and Samuel Myers in the Urban League's 1992 *The State of Black America*, as long as young (Black) men continue to be marginalized...the prospects for increasing the share of Black families with male heads seems remote. Strengthening female-headed families, while obviously beneficial in the short run, offers little hope for reducing the earnings gap further."



▲ *Marian Wright Edelman, founder and president of the Children's Defense Fund, believes that poverty follows children into adulthood.*

Knowing the bleak situation and remedying it, say researchers, is not simple.

"The causes that account for the current circumstances of many Black men lie deep in our nation's history and social fabric. Remedies will have to be equally profound," asserts the report *World Without Work*.

"A rush to find simplistic and superficial solutions is only a slight improvement over the current posture of ignoring the situation...

"If the trends affecting Black men are to be reversed, a new national agenda must be developed. Before that can happen, the people of this nation must recognize how fundamental the dislocation of Black males from mainstream American economic life has become."

–RICHETTE L. HAYWOOD



▲ *Earl Graves, founder and publisher of Black Enterprise magazine is joined by his wife, Mrs. Barbara Graves, Maryland Gov. Parris Glendenning and Dr. Earl S. Richardson, president of Morgan State University after he pledged $1 million for an education project for Black entrepreneurial development at the university.*

Earl Graves Pledges $1 Million To Morgan State University

Earl Graves, founder and publisher of Black Enterprise Magazine, recently pledged $1 million to his alma mater Morgan State University for its business school.

In honor of his publication's 25th anniversary, Graves said the pledge represented his support for Black self-sufficiency.

"We have neglected, turned away from, and perhaps even dismantled our own strong and once vital institutions," said Graves. "We cannot let this happen to Morgan."

A graduate of Morgan's class of 1957, Graves was surrounded by more than 100 students, faculty members and elected officials when he made the announcement about the gift on the school's campus.

Among the luminaries attending the announcement were Baltimore Mayor Kurt Schmoke and Maryland Gov. Parris N. Glendenning.

Graves is expected to make a personal contribution of $500,000–the largest in the university's history–and raise another $500,000 from a fund-raising banquet in New York City.

"We deem this gift to be the outstanding educational opportunity provided by this university and an expression of pride and vote of confidence," said the school's president, Earl S. Richardson.

McComb Family Makes History At Alcorn State When Parents, Two Daughters Receive Degrees

For the McComb family of Claiborne County, MS, education is a family affair. Willie McComb and his wife, Helen, and two of their daughters made history recently when they all graduated from Alcorn State University in Lorman.

Willie, 47, and his wife, who is also 47, joined daughters Alesha, 22, and DeWonda, 21, as they all marched to receive their bachelor's degrees during the university's recent 124th annual commencement. The head of the McComb clan earned a degree in general agriculture while his wife's sheepskin is in education psychology.



Alesha followed in her mother's footsteps in getting a degree in educational psychology and DeWonda received two degrees, one in computer science and applied mathematics and one in pure mathematics.

Willie, who had a certificate in vocational agriculture education, and Helen, who had an associate's degree in elementary education, enrolled at Alcorn in 1975 but had to put their dreams of getting four-year degrees on hold to provide for their large family. The couple also have two older sons, Michael Atlas, 27; Marvin Atlas, 26; and four other daughters, Willette, 14; Lillie, 13; Helen, 12; and Jacqueline, 7.

But in 1990 when Alesha enrolled at Alcorn, Willie reenrolled. "I had many doubts," Willie began, "I had been out of school for several years and I wasn't sure about how successful I would be."

Then when DeWonda began classes there in the summer of 1991, her mother followed suit. "I didn't want to be left out," Helen said, adding, "They were all going to school and talking about their classes and I thought I was missing out. I had to come back too."

◀ *Willie McComb and his wife, Helen, and their daughters DeWonda (l) and Alesha (r) made history at Alcorn State University in Lorman, MS, when they all received bachelor degrees.*



TOP HONOR: Gen. Colin Powell (r) chats with J. Bruce Llewellyn, chairman of the Philadelphia Coca-Cola Bottling Company, before Llewellyn received the Mamie Award during a gala benefit for Harlem's Northside Center for Child Development at New York City's Plaza Hotel. The Mamie Award was created as a tribute to the late Dr. Mamie Phipps Clark, founder of Northside, a private child guidance clinic in Harlem.

Ex-Howard Univ. Pharmacy Dean Succumbs To Cancer



Wendell T. Hill Jr.

Dr. Wendell T. Hill Jr., dean emeritus of Howard University's College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, died recently of cancer at the Washington (D.C.) Hospital Center.

He was credited with enabling the school to obtain full accreditation from the American Council on Pharmaceutical Education and with establishing a doctoral program there. He retired in 1994.

A native of Philadelphia, he served in the U.S. Army in the South Pacific. After his war services, he later graduated from Drake University and received both master's and doctoral degrees in pharmacy from the University of Southern California.

In the '50s and '60s, he worked in California and eventually became chief pharmacist at the Orange County Medical Center. Later, he served as director of pharmaceutical services at Detroit General Hospital and associate professor of pharmacy at Wayne State University. He moved to Washington in 1977 and headed the Howard pharmacy school.

He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Marcella, and two sons, Wendell of Greenbelt and Philip of Long Beach, CA.



▲ *U.S. Secretary of Labor Robert Reich had nothing but praise for McDonald's new school-to-work program that recently was announced in Chicago. Michelle Lewis (r), 18, and Guillermina Vasquez, 19, are two enthusiastic participants in the pilot project which is scheduled to expand to 15 states.*

McDonald's Announces New School-To-Work Program To Help Students On Career Path

McDonald's recently announced in Chicago plans for the nation's largest cooperative education plan between the fast food giant and local public schools.

The Oak Brook, IL-based firm said the school-to-work program will be launched in Chicago, Baltimore, Muskegon and Portland, OR, by 1996. Plans are underway to expand the pilot program to 4,000 pupils from 102 high schools in 15 states within the next two years.

U.S. Labor Secretary Robert Reich, on hand for the announcement, said he has witnessed the benefits of such programs. "I've seen young people in city after city in these programs who say for the first time that they are excited about learning," he said.

Under the McDonald's student work program, geared toward high school sophomores and juniors, pupils would be able to take entry-level management jobs once they graduate, the company said. Schools participating in the new program may apply for funds under the federal government's innovative school-to-work program.

Reich said it was uncertain whether the government funds would be available because "the Republicans (in Congress) have indicated they want to phase out the entire program." McDonald's stressed it was going forth with its program with or without the federal dollars for the schools.

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This Week In Black History

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May 27, 1861 —

Victoria E. Matthews, noted social worker and writer, was born in Fort Valley, GA, on this day. Her family moved to New York City in 1873. After marrying she began writing articles for leading newspapers. Mrs. Matthews was interested in race advancements and her efforts to support Ida B. Wells led to the founding of the Women's Loyal Union of New York City. She later focused on the well being of children and young women. The fruits of her labor culminated in her establishing The White Rose Mission providing Black girls with opportunities to learn practical skills and self-help. She died in March of 1907 of TB at age 45.

May 29, 1993 —

Douglas C. Watson, aeronautical engineer, who was among the first Black aeronautical engineers in the United States, died on this day in Queens, NY, at the age of 73. Mr. Watson spent 27 years with Fairchild Republic Aviation Corp. in Farmingdale, NY. He retired in 1978 as the company's chief of requirements and planning systems effectiveness. He helped develop the F-105 and F-84 jet fighters. But Mr. Watson considered his role in the design of the long-range P-47N, a bomber escort, to be his major contribution to aviation. He later served as president of the Sabre Research Corporation consulting engineers.

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▲ **Blissful Union:** Mr. and Mrs. Curry Lee Parham recently were married during a festive ceremony at Four Square Church in Santa Maria, CA. The beaming bride, the former Beverly Lynwood, is currently pursuing a bachelor's degree at Chapman University. The elated bridegroom is a technical sergeant in the U.S. Air Force at Vandenberg, CA. The happy couple spent a glorious honeymoon in sunny Las Vegas.



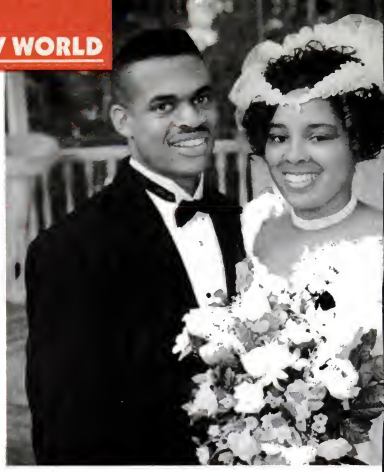
▲ **Looking To The Future:** Liane Haynes and Burhmam Smith were united in a garden ceremony at El Encanto Spa and Villa in Santa Barbara, CA. The bride, who holds degrees from Fordham University and the Culinary Institute of America, is corporate sales manager at The Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles. The bridegroom majored in behavioral science at LaVerne University and is a social worker for the County of Los Angeles.

▶ **Prescription For Love:** Dr. and Mrs. Howard Luckett recently wed at Christ United Methodist Church in Ft. Wayne, IN. She is the former Monica White, a graduate of Indiana Vocational and Technical College and a registered dental assistant in Columbus, OH. Her husband earned a bachelor's from Brown Univ. and a doctorate in clinical psychology at Wright State Univ. He is program consultant/coordinator of Suicide Intervention for the Ohio Dept. of Youth Services in the city.





▲ **Showers Of Blessings:** The Rev. Gentry Doxey and his bride, the former Freda Glover, recently exchanged vows in a double ring ceremony at Friendship West Baptist Church in Dallas. She is a Cheyney State grad and he is a Morehouse alum and associate minister at Christian House of Prayer in the city. The Doxeys are both in masters degree programs at Dallas Theological Seminary.



▲ **My One And Only:** Pledging their undying love to each other, Keith Bell and Sonya Zachary recently wed at Willis House in Milledgeville, GA. Mrs. Bell is working on a nursing degree at Georgia College. Her husband is a grad of Georgia College and teaches at the Milledgeville Youth Development Campus. He will begin doctoral studies at the University of Georgia in the fall.



◀ **Plenty Of Love To Go Around:** Albert Williams and Ruth Ewing, who wed recently at St. James Episcopal Church in Mt. Vernon, VA, share a deep love for each other and animals. She is a Hampton Univ. alumna who is enrolled at the Univ. of Florida Medical School specializing in veterinary medicine for exotic mammals. He is a grad of the Univ. of Florida and the medical school. He is employed at Knowles Veterinary Hospital in Miami.



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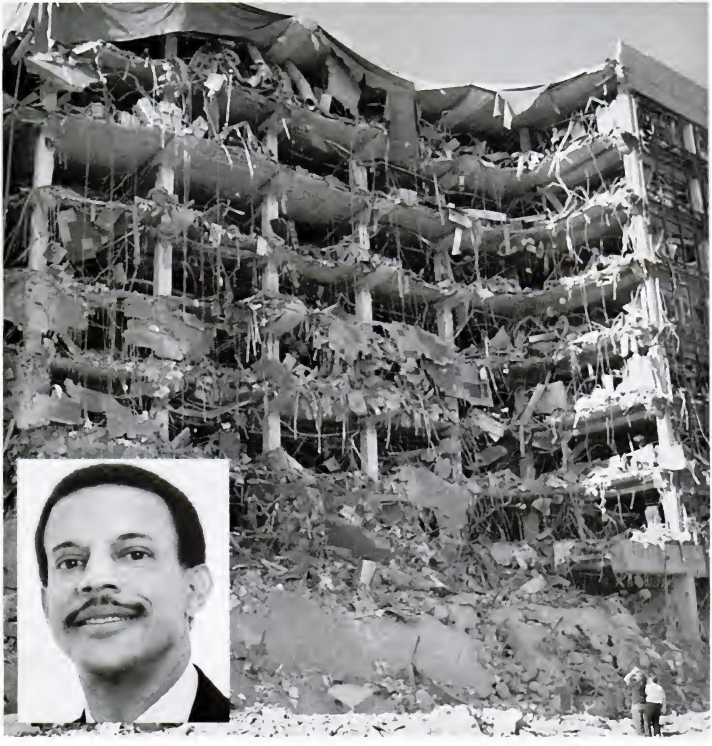


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Black Oklahoma Lawmaker Recalls His Narrow Escape From Federal Building Blast



▲ *Oklahoma State Representative Kevin Cox (inset) drove by the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building moments before a bomb devastated the nine-story building killing 167 people.*

Only a change of a traffic light saved Oklahoma's feisty 45-year-old Black State Representative Kevin Cox from certain death during the nation's worst human-provoked disaster.

Had the traffic light been red–stopping Cox as he drove past the Alfred

P. Murrah Federal Building–he likely would have been among the bombing victims.

Rep. Cox told JET originally he thought "a racist had hit his car with a bazooka or set off a pipe bomb on his car." The state's Black legislative caucus recently had a flap with Gov. Frank Keating and its members had received hate mail, he explained.

"I was less than a block from the federal building when all of a sudden, I felt like I was in a hammock between two trees in my car," he told reporters. "The windshield shattered and blew me into a nearby building.

"It was just a very huge 'ka-BOOM'–like the end of the world is here. My windshield shattered–it looked like a spider web jumped in front of me–and I ended up hitting the building.

"I was very shocked; I know I bailed out of my car, fell down several times. I wanted to run for cover."

The Oklahoman Newspaper reported, "Few people in the state capitol building have as vivid stories about the bomb attack as state Rep. Kevin Cox."

In the midst of the harrowing experience, the veteran Black lawmaker nevertheless spent the first few minutes after the blast trying to help victims. He then made his way to the governor's office to give an eye witness account and later took the floor in the state capitol to gear its membership up in preparation for the disaster.

Describing the carnage, Cox said people lay in the street near the federal building. "The whole side of the building is blown out," he said of the nine-story complex.

"Every car in the parking lot directly across from the federal building is ablaze. Cars within the block are buried in rubble. I could see two people standing in the rubble, trying to find a way out."

Cox left his disabled car, made his way to the state capitol and "went straight" to the governor's office, where the governor and legislative leaders were meeting to discuss the explosion. "I told them we have an emergency," Rep. Cox said.

He then went to the Statehouse chamber, gained the floor on personal privileges and told them about the tragedy.

Reflecting on his narrow escape, Cox said, "You never know...I forgot to say my prayers last night and I guess one block slower than I was going, and I would have been a casualty of that."

What shook the Florida A&M University graduate was the sudden change the blast had made in his life. Only a few weeks before he had toughened the penalties in the Sooner State's hate laws and earned an eight-column front-page streamer in the city's Black weekly newspaper. Now, on his schedule were four funerals–a deacon, usher, lawyer and a retired person at his St. John's Baptist Church. At least, 15 of his constituents died in his Oklahoma City district. He and his wife, a school principal, are parents of a 5-year-old son.

AFL-CIO's Richard Womack Volunteers To Lead Civil Rights Group In Affirmative Action Battle On Hill


Richard G. Womack

AFL-CIO Civil Rights Director Richard G. Womack volunteered to serve as the interim director of the Leadership Conference On Civil Rights in Washington during the coming congressional assault on the nation's affirmative action programs.

He succeeds newly retired Ralph Neas, who for the past 14 years helped develop the conference's wide-ranging agenda which appealed to ethnic, racial and women's groups. The determined White activist succeeded in building the membership to 180 major national organizations and creating the largest civil rights aggregation in the country.

Leadership conference officials could not find a replacement for Neas who will join the Georgetown University law faculty. So Womack volunteered to fill in the post on a part-time basis.

The announcement of the Womack assignment was made at the close of the 45th anniversary dinner of the leadership conference in Washington which honored Neas for his outstanding track record of enactment of numerous legislation from civil rights to disability aid.

Recently, on the floor of the U.S. Senate, the country's first Black woman senator, Carol Moseley-Braun, of Illinois, made a surprise announcement by identifying Neas as one of her University of Chicago law school colleagues.

"Neither of us would have imagined that 20 years later, I would be a senator and he would be one of our nation's foremost civil rights leaders," she told the Senate. "I take pride in his accomplishments and feel very lucky to be able to call him my friend."

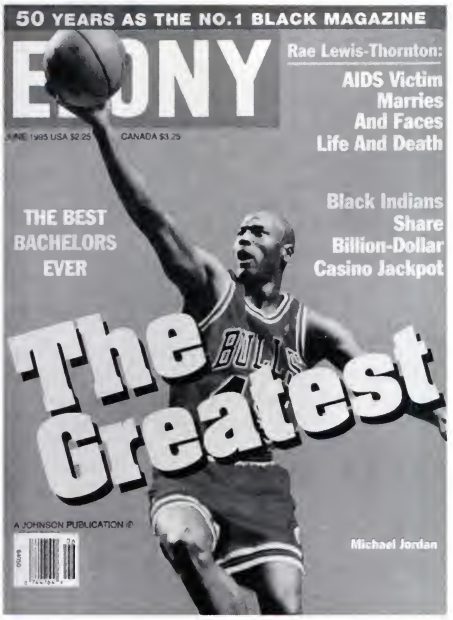
Barry White Puts LA Home On Market For $599,000

Barry White, whose latest album *The Icon Is Love* has been certified platinum, recently put his Los Angeles home of 20 years on the market for $599,000, according to the L.A. Times.


Barry White

The newspaper reported that White's 7,500 square foot house has a screening room, a pool with a 50-foot waterfall and views of the sprawling San Fernando Valley. White, 50, has been living in Las Vegas for more than a year.

Basketball Phenom Michael Jordan Graces The June Cover Of EBONY



The June EBONY reveals why Michael Jordan now wears the crown as the greatest professional basketball player of all time.

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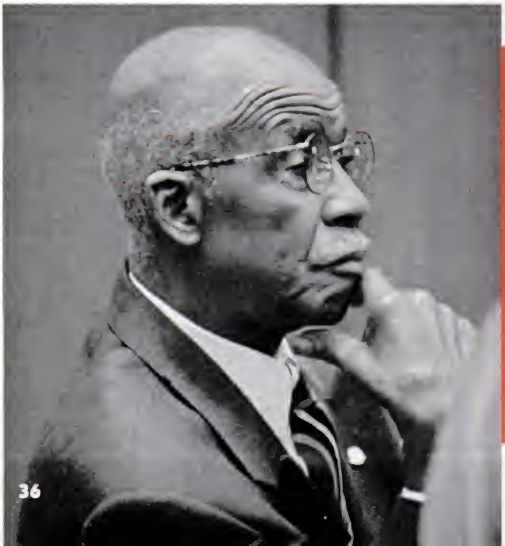
International Olympic Committee Member Anita DeFrants states, "It is because he is the finest player anyone has ever seen."

Dr. Alvin Poussaint, a psychiatrist at Harvard Medical School, believes Michael's grief over his father's death caused him to retire and that his return and his ability to get on with his life generated even greater fan admiration around the world.

The new EBONY also features Michael Jackson, Oprah Winfrey, Bill Cosby and Quincy Jones in the "Top Blacks In The Entertainment Industry," as well as an article spotlighting "The World's Greatest Dads." In addition this issue gives women a look at the best bachelors ever.

In celebration of EBONY Magazine's Golden Anniversary the June issue also features "50 Years Of Blacks In Baseball."

▲ **Family Support For O.J.**: Mrs. Eunice Simpson (l), mother of O.J. Simpson, and Simpson's sister, Carmelita Durio, listen to testimony during the Simpson double-murder trial in Los Angeles. It was Mrs. Simpson's first appearance in the courtroom in several weeks.



◄ **Proud Papa**: Johnnie Cochran Sr., the father of famed lawyer Johnnie Cochran Jr., who is O.J. Simpson's lead defense attorney, observes proceedings of the Simpson trial from the audience at the Los Angeles Criminal Courts Building.

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About 50 percent of working adults in the country suffers from low back pain.

Those who are overweight, out of shape or under stress are potential candidates for a problem that has become a part of our daily lives.

But, experts agree that regular exercise of muscles—particularly of the back, stomach, hips and thighs—can help offset the onslaught that stress and obesity can have on the back.

The regimen of exercises, as listed in the Washington Post, consists of wall slides (stand flat against the wall and slowly slide down into a crouch), leg raises and partial sit-ups performed with bent knees. In doing these controlled sit-ups, the head and shoulders are lifted off the floor while reaching with both hands toward the knees.

Orthopedic surgeon Dr. Garth Russell, with the Columbia (MO) Spine Center told the Post that people make the mistake of doing the sit-up too fast or too strenuously, putting pressure on the back instead of letting the stomach muscles do the work.

The American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons recommends daily stretching exercises to lessen everyday strain on the back.

The menu of exercises includes lying on the back and raising bent knees to the chest and lying on the stomach and lifting the upper torso with arms while allowing the hips and legs to remain flat on the floor.

The pelvic tilt is a good exercise for relieving stress. It is performed by either lying on the floor with knees bent or against the wall. Just contract the abdominal muscles and push down the small of the back while rotating the pelvis back to flatten the back.

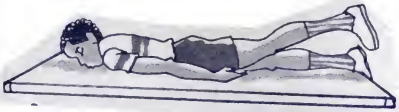
Dr. Russell also recommends that people "learn to use your back in a mechanical way."

When lifting objects, hold them as close to the body as possible, using the legs, not bending at the waist and lifting which strains back muscles, Dr Russell explained, adding that twisting while lifting is an especially dangerous practice as well.

Lifting objects requires, "holding the back in as straight a position as possible. Anything less puts a torque or excessive pressure on the disc," the doctor concluded.



Wall Slides To Strengthen Back, Hip And Leg Muscles: Stand with your back against a wall and feet shoulder-width apart. Slide down into a crouch with knees bent to about a 90 degree angle. Count to five and slide back up the wall. Repeat movement five times.

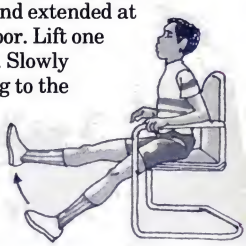


Leg Raises To Strengthen Back And Hip Muscles: Lie on your stomach. Tighten the muscles in one leg and raise it from the floor. Hold your leg up for a count of 10 and return it to the floor. Do the same with the other leg. Repeat exercise five times with each leg.



Leg Raises To Strengthen Stomach and Hip Muscles: Lie on your back with your arms at your sides. Lift one leg off the floor. Hold your leg up for a count of 10 and return it to the floor. Do the same with the other leg. Repeat five times with each leg. If movement is too difficult, keep one knee bent and the foot flat on the ground while raising the leg.

The exercise can also be done by sitting upright in a chair with legs straight and extended at angle to the floor. Lift one leg waist high. Slowly return your leg to the floor. Do the same with the other leg. Repeat five times with each leg.



Partial Sit-ups To Strengthen Stomach Muscles: Lie on your back with knees bent and feet flat on floor. Slowly raise your head and shoulders off the floor and reach with both hands toward your knees. Count to 10. Repeat five times.



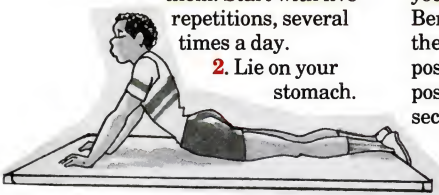
Back Leg Swings To Strengthen Hip And Back Muscles: Stand behind a chair with your hands on the back of the chair. Lift one leg back and up while keeping the knee straight. Return slowly. Raise other leg and return. Repeat five times with each leg.



Exercises To Decrease Strain On The Back:



1. Lie on your back with knees bent and feet flat on bed or floor. Raise your knees toward your chest. Place both hands under the knees and gently pull your knees as close to your chest as possible. Do not raise your head. Do not straighten your legs as you lower them. Start with five repetitions, several times a day.



2. Lie on your stomach. Place your hands under your shoulders with your elbows bent and push up. Raise the top half of your body as high as possible, allowing your hips and legs to remain flat on the bed or floor. Hold the position for one to two seconds. Repeat 10 times, several times a day.



3. Stand with your feet slightly apart. Place your hands in the small of your back. Keep your knees straight. Bend backwards at the waist as far as possible and hold the position for one to two seconds.

Cleaner Homes May Ease Asthma Among Children: Researchers

Researchers believe poor city children suffer more from asthma because their homes are filled with substances that cause allergies and airway irritation, a recent report in USA Today reveals.

To try and curtail the asthma epidemic among poor urban children, researchers have suggested some rather unusual measures like: free cockroach exterminations, house cleaning and stop smoking classes for parents, the report indicated.

Among asthmatic Black and Hispanic children in eight cities, 35 percent are allergic to cockroaches and 20 percent to rats, according to preliminary results from a government-funded study reviewed recently at the National Institutes of Health.

Children are most likely allergic to substances they encounter frequently. The study also showed that 59 percent of the children lived with smokers and 18 percent lived in homes partially heated by gas stoves or space heaters, which can produce irritating fumes.



■ **FAMILY TIES:** Famed singer-actress Sheryl Lee Ralph introduces her children—4-month-old daughter, Ivy Victoria, and 3½-year-old son, Etienne—during her fifth annual "Divas: Simply Singing" all-star benefit gala concert at the Wilshire Ebell Theatre in Los Angeles.

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Barri Phatarfod of Santa Monica, CA., is a singer and actress in Australia. She enjoys traveling and dancing.

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■ **Mother And Daughter:** Actress-comedienne Rain Pryor, daughter of Richard Pryor, and her mother Shelly Bonus enjoy a recent outing in Hollywood. Rain was in the movie *Panther* and her mother, who is a photographer, took photographs of the Black Panthers in their early days.



■ **FEET, DON'T FAIL ME NOW:** Veteran rapper Hammer is up to the challenge of getting down with his idol, legendary soul singer James Brown. Hammer joined Brown on stage as he performed at the annual James Brown Birthday Bash at the Civic Center in Augusta, GA, where Brown celebrated his 62nd birthday.



▲ **Sanctions Possible:** U.S. Commerce Secretary Ron Brown and Trade Representative Mickey Kantor attend a news conference in the White House briefing room to discuss trade with Japan. President Clinton authorized the filing of a formal complaint against Japan with the World Trade Organization in retaliation for Japan's refusal to open its automotive market to America. Kantor said the U.S. would impose sanctions on the Japanese but he would not elaborate on exactly how.

White South African Woman Helps Expose Housing Bias

A White South African woman recently helped blow the lid off a housing discrimination case of an upscale Brooklyn real estate firm, according to the New York Daily News.

And the New York City Human Rights Commission recently fined the firm $30,000 and accused it of "racist behavior" for its reported secret coding system to help owners screen out Black and Hispanic apartment hunters.

The number 23 was the secret code used if the owner of the apartment did not want Black applicants.

Ironically, it was Ann Van Zyl, a 40-year-old White South African woman who confronted her boss at Park West Realty and exposed the biased practice.

Van Zyl told the New York Daily News that Arnold Rosenshein, a broker who owns Park West, told her if she didn't like the practice she should quit.

She did quit the job, but took coded realty records with her and turned them over to the city Human Rights Commission.

After the commission's investigation, it recently ordered a total of $36,000 in fines against Rosenshein, two saleswomen at Park West and a landlord who rejected a Black applicant.



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Black Moving Co. In St. Louis Wins $12 Million Judgement Against Southwestern Bell



Timothy Person, Sr.

A Black-owned moving company in St. Louis recently was rendered a $12 million jury award against Southwestern Bell following an 11-year court battle which stemmed from the moving firm's telephone service being interrupted.

Allstates Transworld Van Lines Inc., a household wares moving company, had trouble meeting expenses in the early 1980s. A lawyer recommended it stop paying its Yellow Pages bill, but continue paying for phone service.

That advice landed Timothy Person Sr., president of the moving business, in the legal battle of his life with Southwestern Bell telephone company, which interrupted his company's phone service to force Allstates to pay the Yellow Pages bill.

The phone company cut off Allstates' phone service more than 60 times from September 1982 to March 1983 in an effort to collect for the overdue bill, explained the telephone company's lawyer in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Meanwhile, Person's company lost its biggest customers—the Department of Defense—as a result, nearly wiping out the company.

But when the jury recently awarded Allstates $4 million in actual damages and $8 million in punitive damages in St. Louis Circuit Court, Person's reaction was one of joy and relief.

"This is a big day in my life. Without the help of those who believed in the destiny of this case, and those who made themselves available to testify in our behalf...this would not have happened," Person said in a news release.

Person, who is the father of Tim Person, a top aide to Mayor Freeman Bosley Jr., said a great deal of the company's business came from moving the belongings of military personnel. The company gained approval from the Interstate Commerce Commission in 1980.

Allstates lawyer, Gary J. Morris, told the Post-Dispatch that Southwestern Bell and Allstates disputed over what amount of the company's $11,000 phone service bill was actually part of its Yellow Pages bill.

And Southwestern Bell disrupted phone service even though it could have deducted money from Allstates' $5,000 deposit.

Morris said Person has rebuilt the company to where it is doing "reasonably well."

Southwestern Bell's attorney said it would appeal the jury verdict.





▲ **NATIONWIDE SEARCH:** Manhattan, NY, school teacher Glenn Harris and a 15-year-old student, Christina Rosado, are the subject of a nationwide search. Police say Harris 33, and the teen (shown here in an undated snapshot) have been on the run together since March 7 when the girl's mother found a love letter she had written to Harris, her teacher. Although authorities say they believe the girl voluntarily went with Harris, he is wanted on a charge of kidnapping because Christina is under the age of consent. At JET press time, they were last cited at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas. Investigators had tracked the pair through Nevada, California, Alabama and Mississippi.



▲ *Kevin Garnett, a 6-foot-11, 217-pound Farragut High School standout basketball player in Chicago, is going straight from high school to the NBA. Garnett, is considered the best big man in prep basketball. He is only the fourth person to make the jump from high school to the NBA.*

High School Star Kevin Garnett Makes Himself Eligible For NBA Draft

Farragut High School basketball player Kevin Garnett recently announced he would skip collegiate life and made himself eligible for the NBA draft.

Garnett reportedly chose to enter the June NBA draft after learning he had fallen one point short of the ACT score of 17—the required score for NCAA Division I eligibility for student-athletes, explained Farragut assistant coach Ron Eskridge in the USA Today.

Eskridge, a confidant of Garnett, told the Chicago Tribune that the young basketball phenom took the ACT test four times.

"Kevin was very despondent when he got his last ACT score. He scored a 16 and he thought it would be a 20. That made it two 15s and two 20s," Eskridge said in the Tribune.

The 18-year-old Garnett wrote in a letter to NBA Commissioner David Stern, "I am prepared for this great endeavor. I know I will be among the finest players in the world."

Garnett, a 6-foot-11, 217-pound center, also possesses the skills and versatility of a guard. He was MVP of the McDonald's All-American Basketball game in St. Louis on April 2.

Garnett averaged 26 points, 18 rebounds and six assists per game with Farragut in his senior year.

College underclassmen have 30 days after the draft to withdraw and return to school. But if Garnett changes his mind, he will need NCAA approval to play college ball.

Garnett would be the fourth person to make the jump from high school to the pros—the others are future Hall of Fame center Moses Malone, former All-Star center Darryl Dawkins and journeyman forward Bill Willoughby.

Willoughby, chosen by the Atlanta Hawks in 1975, said in the Chicago Sun-Times that he has no regrets for his decision and that Garnett can succeed.

"I told him, 'Don't let anybody tell you what's best for Kevin Garnett,'" Willoughby said in the newspaper.



▲ **Examining The Evidence:** Double murder defendant O.J. Simpson carefully looks over DNA X-rays that prosecutors contend hold proof that he killed his ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman. Five blood drops at the murder scene outside Mrs. Simpson's home did not come from either victim and possibly came from Simpson, Robin Cotton, a DNA expert recently testified. At right is defense attorney Peter Neufeld.

▼ **Baseball Legend Cited:** Baseball legend Hank Aaron (l) proudly accepts the Harvard Foundation Award from Dr. S. Allen Counter, director of the foundation and an associate professor of neurology/neurophysiology, during recent ceremonies at Harvard University in Cambridge, MA. Aaron was honored for his outstanding contributions to American sports and intercultural relations. His life and achievements were celebrated at a dinner attended by more than 200 students and faculty.



Videotape Clears Black Phoenix Mechanic Of Murder Charges

Murder charges against Cory Dion Winston, 21, recently were dismissed after a home video revealed that he could not have shot and killed Ronald Maurice King, 30, during a party last summer in Phoenix.

Both defense attorneys and prosecutors agreed the tape clearly showed King running for the exit one minute after Winston, allegedly fired the fatal shots. Later that night King was found dead in the parking lot of the union hall where the party was held.

Judge Jonathan Schwartz of Maricopa (AZ) County Superior Court, dismissed the charges "with prejudice," which means these charges against Winston can't be filed again.

"Had we not had this video, it was likely there would have been a conviction," said J. Denton Dobbins, the court-appointed lawyer defending Winston in the Phoenix Gazette.

Attorney Dobbins said that Winston had fired several shots out the hall's doorway in a foolish attempt to break up a melee.

Winston was charged with the murder when King was found lying dead in the lot.

Fortunately for Winston, someone had videotaped the party and the case went to trial with the prosecution and defense looking at the sequence in which Winston fired the supposedly fatal shots.

Winston, a mechanic, spent 10 months in jail. He said he was happy to rejoin his wife and infant son.

Prominent Miami Banker Arthur Hill Found Dead In NJ



Arthur J. Hill

Arthur J. Hill, a prominent Miami banker who was one of the highest ranking Blacks in the Bush administration, was recently found dead in a New Jersey, hotel room. He was 46.

Hill's body was found in a room at the Newark Airport Hilton after he failed to answer a wake-up call. He was in New Jersey for a Republican Governors Association conference.

At JET press time, an autopsy was scheduled to determine a cause of death.

In 1989, President George Bush asked Hill to run the Government National Mortgage Association, known as Ginnie Mae.

Two years later, he became the federal commissioner of housing, the No. 2 post at the Department of Housing and Urban Development.



▶ *Miss USA Chelsi Smith (c) poses with her two runners up Miss Canada Lana Buchberger (r), second runner up, and Miss India Manpreet Brar, first runner up, moments after being crowned Miss Universe at the recent pageant in Namibia, Africa.*

Chelsi Smith, Biracial Woman From Texas, Crowned Miss Universe

Chelsi Smith, the biracial young woman who was crowned Miss USA just a few months ago (JET, Feb. 27), recently defeated 81 other contestants to win the highly-esteemed title of Miss Universe.

Smith, of Deer Park, TX, was crowned in Namibia, Africa, as some 600 million people around the world watched the televised event.

"I feel I'm becoming a professional in the beauty pageant field," said Smith, 21, after winning the title.

In addition to winning $220,000 in cash and prizes, Smith also received ownership of an African elephant to be named after her.

After winning, the ecstatic college student managed to thank God and her family. She said she would concentrate on working with children during her reign as Miss Universe, particularly on racism and health issues.



▲ *Miss USA Chelsi Smith, cries out for joy as she is crowned Miss Universe by the outgoing Miss Universe India Sushmita Sen, at the conclusion of the recent pageant.*

She also implored African women to keep fighting for equal rights.

Describing herself as biracial–her father is Black and her mother is White–Smith said she felt a special significance becoming the first Miss Universe chosen in Africa. "God had a reason for me to be in Africa," she said.

movies to see

TALES FROM THE HOOD (Rated R) Savoy Picture



▲ *Joe Torry (l), DeAundre Bonds (c) and Sam Monroe play gangsters intent on retrieving mislaid drugs from the neighborhood mortuary in* Tales From The Hood.

An ultra hip urban tale of three young street thugs who face off against the eerily sinister Mr. Simms, a mortician with frighteningly close ties to the newly deceased. The boys go to Mr. Simms' mortuary in pursuit of a lost drug stash but quickly find themselves at his mercy for a tour they will not soon forget. What starts as a simple search for spoils turns into a supernatural experience ultimately illuminating the cold truth about dealing in darkness. Starring: **Clarence Williams III, Rosalind Cash, David Alan Grier, Corbin Bernsen, Paula Jai Parker, Joe Torry, De'Aundre Bonds** and **Sam Monroe. Spike Lee** is executive producer.

–SYLVIA P. FLANAGAN



▶ *Clarence Williams III stars as Mr. Simms, the mortician who has some horrifying stories to tell, in an eerie and offbeat take on humanity's dark side in* Tales From The Hood.



▲ **FRIENDS OF THE SUPER MODEL:** Actress Diahann Carroll and musician Lenny Kravitz join actress Joan Collins (l) in congratulating model Claudia Schiffer on being named Super Model of the Year during the third annual Michael Awards for the Fashion Industry held recently in New York. The award is named after the late actor Michael Landon. Proceeds from the event benefitted the National Children's Leukemia Foundation.

'Having Our Say' Wins Three Tony Nominations

The Broadway play, *Having Our Say* was recently nominated for three Tony Awards.

Veteran actress Mary Alice was recently nominated for a Tony Award for her performance in the drama.



Mary Alice



Camille O. Cosby

Ms. Alice stars as the 101-year-old Bessie Delany in the play that was adapted from the bestseller *Having Our Say: The Delany Sisters' First 100 Years.*

The drama is also nominated in the best play category. If it wins, the Tony will go to the play's author Emily Mann and producers Camille O. Cosby and Judith Rutherford James. Ms. Mann is also nominated in the best director category.

The Hottest New



▲ *Des'ree has won international acclaim with her uplifting tune,* You Gotta Be *from the album* I Ain't Movin.

The hottest new females in the music world are burning up the charts with a wide variety of tunes, ranging from sensuous and sultry ballads to hip-hop dance tunes.

These talented singing sensations come from all kinds of backgrounds and bring diverse styles to the music industry. And unlike some of the top female singers of past generations, a large number of today's hottest newcomers are more involved in their careers. Many of them write their own hit songs which are tailor-made for them.

London-born singing star Des'ree has skyrocketed to the top of record charts around with the world with her catchy tune *You Gotta Be.* The song has been used by TV networks and sports teams in the U.S.

You Gotta Be is the kind of positive, feel-good song that music lovers love to play all the time, especially in the morning to get them in the mood to face a new day.

In the song, she sings: "You gotta be bad, you gotta be bold, you gotta be wiser...you gotta be cool, you gotta be calm, you gotta stay together."

Though she was born in London, Des'ree also lived on the Caribbean

▼ *Sixteen-year-old Brandy is among the youngest new singing stars. Her hits include* I Wanna Be Down *and* Baby.



Female Singers



▲ *Mary J. Blige followed up her smash hit album* What's The 411, *with her latest disc,* My Life *which contains the hits* Be Happy, You Bring Me Joy *and* I'm Goin' Down.

island of Barbados for several years before her West Indian parents moved back to London. The 25-year-old starlet has been a major star in Europe since 1992.

She co-wrote her big hit, You *Gotta Be* and says it stems from her personal experiences as a female singer in the competitive, male dominated music industry.

"I am a female artist, I've got to be bold on stage. I've got to make wise decisions about my career. I've got to be hard on myself in the studio," she notes. "You've got to be tough in dealing with people because I don't have a history of 10 years in the industry. And a lot of people that I work with are a lot older than me, have a lot more experience. And there is a tendency for them to think that you don't know what you are talking about because you're new."

The confident singer, who is currently on a U.S. tour as the opening act for superstar Seal, notes, "You've got to be strong, you've got to be cool, you can't let the pressure break you. You've got to remain together."

Among the youngest of today's hottest new singers is 16-year-old Brandy. Brandy, who lives in Los Angeles, has skyrocketed straight to the top with *I Wanna Be Down, Baby* and her current tune *Best Friend,* a song she dedicates to her brother, Willie Norwood.

She first won fame as a regular on the former ABC-TV sitcom, "Thea."

Mary J. Blige, dubbed "the queen of hip hop," won national acclaim in

▼ *Songstress Chante' Moore's* A Love Supreme *is a supreme hit on the charts. The album includes hit singles* Old School Lovin' *and* I'm What You Need.







Aaliyah, Rachelle Ferrell and Tanya Blount are among the hottest new singers on the scene today.



1991 with the album *What's the 411,* which spawned such hits as *You Remind Me* and *Real Love.* A consistent performer, her latest album is *My Life* which has already sold more than a million copies. *My Life* contains the hits, *Be Happy, You Bring Me Joy* and *I'm Goin' Down,* a song originally recorded by Rose Royce in the 1970s.

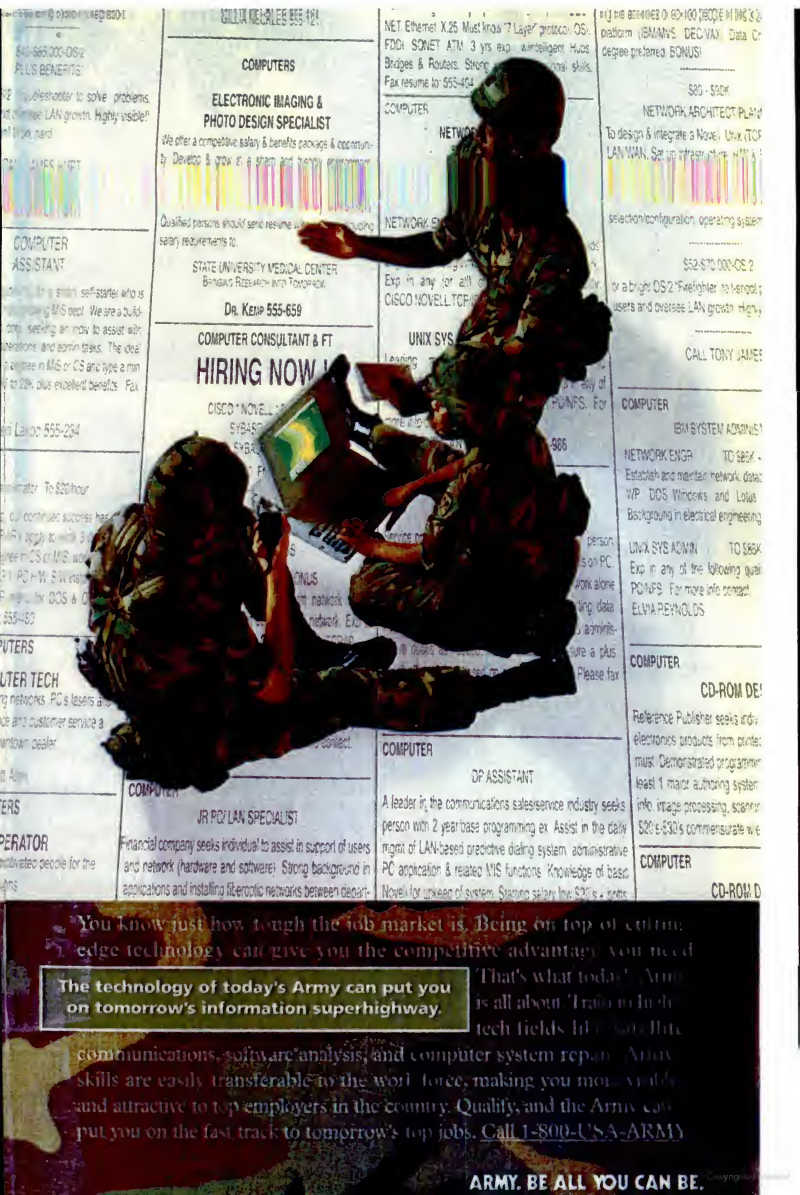
Like so many of today's new hottest female singers, the Yonkers, NY, native grew up singing in the church.

Hit singer Chanté Moore whose love ballads have gotten many couples through both romantic and difficult times arrived on the scene in 1992 with her debut *Precious* with the hits *It's Alright* and *Love's Taken Over.* She is currently riding the charts with her second album, *A Love Supreme,* with the hit singles, *OId School Lovin'* and her latest, *I'm What You Need.* This summer, she is the opening act for Barry White on his U.S. tour.

She comes from a family of musicians. Born in San Francisco and raised in San Diego, she remembers singing as a young child.

Her father, a minister, played the piano. Her late mother sang and her brother played the drums. She hopes to record a gospel album in the near future.

Sultry teen-age songbird Aaliyah became one of the hottest new female


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Her current album is the jazz flavored *First Instrument,* which was originally released in Japan, where she enjoys a huge following.

New female trio Brownstone received a career boost by none other than megastar Michael Jackson, who signed them to his new label, MJJ Music. They are the first group signed to Jackson's new label and soared to the top of the charts with the hits *If You Love Me* and *Grapevyne* from their smash album, From *The Bottom Up.*

Brownstone features the soul jazz vocalizing of New Orleans-born Mimi, Detroit-born Nicci and Guyana-born Maxee.

TLC (T-Boz, Left Eye and Chilli) are sexy, strong and exude a "tell it like it is" approach to their music. They made their spectacular debut in 1992 with *Oooooooohhh....On The TLC Tip.* Their first two hits *Ain't 2 Proud 2 Beg* and *Baby-Baby-Baby* became huge hits and the album sold nearly three million copies.

They are currently on the charts with their follow up album *Crazy-SexyCool* with the hits *Creep* and *Red Light Special.*

Dionne Farris was named after her parents' favorite singer—legendary Dionne Warwick. And the 26-year-old songstress is making quite a name for herself with her debut hit album, *Wild Seed—Wild Flower* with the hit single *I Know.* Farris is a former member of the hit rap group Arrested Development and sang on their Grammy Award winning hit tune, *Tennessee.*

ENTERTAINMENT

Rap Star Dr. Dre Hit With Palimony Suit In Los Angeles

Rapper Dr. Dre, whose latest hit single is *Keep Their Heads Ringing*, recently was named in a $10 million palimony suit filed in Los Angeles by a former live-in girlfriend, according to a report in the Los Angeles Times.



Dr. Dre

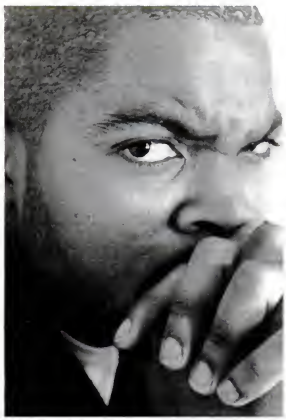
Vivian Leone Morgan filed suit against the rapper, whose real name is Andre Young, and is seeking monetary damages based on alleged breach of contract, fraud and emotional distress, the newspaper reported.

The plaintiff claims she lived with Dr. Dre from February 1993 through March of this year. Ms. Young alleged Dr. Dre assured her that if they ever split up "she would always be financially compensated and secured for the rest of her life," the paper stated.

JET top20ALBUMS



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1. **NEW JERSEY DRIVE VOL I SOUNDTRACK**
Various Artists (Tommy Boy)

2. **FRIDAY SOUNDTRACK**
Various Artists (Priority)

3. **ME AGAINST THE WORLD**
2Pac (Interscope)

4. **MY LIFE**
Mary J. Blige (MCA)

5. **READY TO DIE**
Nortorius B.I.G. (Big Beat)

6. **THE ICON IS LOVE**
Barry White (A&M)

7. **METHODICAL**
Method Man (Columbia)

8. **PANTHER SOUNDTRACK**
Various Artists (PolyGram)

9. **CANDY RAIN**
Soul For Real (MCA)

10. **CHANGING FACES**
Changing Faces (Big Beat)

11. **TALES FROM THE HOOD**
Various Artists (40 Acres/MCA)

12. **BRANDY**
Brandy (Atlantic)

13. **FROM THE BOTTOM UP**
Brownstone (MJJ)

14. **DIVA OF SOUL**
Shirley Brown (Malico)

15. **CRAZYSEXYCOOL**
TLC (LaFace)

16. **BAD BOYS SOUNDTRACK**
Various Artists (Work)

17. **II**
Boyz II Men (Motown)

18. **GROOVE ON**
Gerald LeVert (Eastwest)

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George Duke (Warner Bros.)

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■ MONTELL JORDAN



■ BARRY WHITE

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2. **COME ON**
Barry White (A&M)
3. **DEAR MAMA**
2Pac (Interscope)
4. **GRAPEVINE**
Brownstone (MJJ)
5. **THINK OF YOU**
Usher (LaFace)
6. **ASK OF YOU**
Raphael Saadiq (Epic)
7. **RED LIGHT SPECIAL**
TLC (LaFace)
8. **KEEP THEIR HEADS RINGING**
Dr. Dre (Priority)
9. **JOY**
Blackstreet (Atlantic)
10. **BABY**
Brandy (Atlantic)
11. **I CAN CALL YOU**
Portrait (Capitol)
12. **CRAZY LOVE**
Brian McKnight (Mercury)
13. **EVERY LITTLE THING I DO**
Soul For Real (MCA)
14. **GIVE IT TO YOU**
DaBrat (So So Def)
15. **I'D RATHER BE ALONE**
Karyn White (Warner Bros.)
16. **I LIKE**
Kut Klose (Elektra)
17. **EMOTIONS**
H-Town (Luke)
18. **FREAK LIKE ME**
Adina Howard (Elektra)
19. **CAN'T YOU SEE**
Total (Tommy Boy)
20. **I'LL BE THERE FOR YOU**
Method Man Featuring Mary J. Blige (Columbia)

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Eriq LaSalle on "ER," (Thursday, May 25 at 10 p.m.,ET) on NBC.

Reginald VelJohnson/ JoMarie Payton-Noble/Bryton McClure/Rosetta LeNoire /Jaleel White/ Darius McCrary /Kellie Shanygne Williams on "Family Matters," (Friday, May 26 at 8 p.m.,ET) on ABC.

Victoria Rowell on "Diagnosis Murder," (Friday, May 26 at 8 p.m.,ET) on CBS.

Cicely Tyson/Cree Summer on "Sweet Justice," (Saturday, May 27 at 9 p.m.,ET) on NBC.

Clarence Gilyard on "Walker, Texas Ranger," (Saturday, May 27 at 10 p.m.,ET) on CBS.

Don Franklin on "SeaQuest DSV," (Sunday, May 28 at 8 p.m.,ET) on NBC.

Will Smith/Karyn Parsons/Daphne Maxwell Reid/Alfonso Ribeiro/Joseph Marcell/Tatyana Ali/James Avery/Ross Bagley on"The Fresh Prince Of Bel-Air," (Monday, May 29 at 8 p.m.,ET) on NBC.

Meshach Taylor on "Dave's World,' (Monday, May 29 at 8:30 p.m.,ET) on CBS.

Stevie Wonder/Boyz II Men/Mariah Carey/2 Unlimited/Neneh Cherry/Salt-N-Pepa/Des'ree/Sounds Of Blackness on "The 1995 World Music Awards," (Tuesday, May 30 at 9 p.m.,ET) on ABC.











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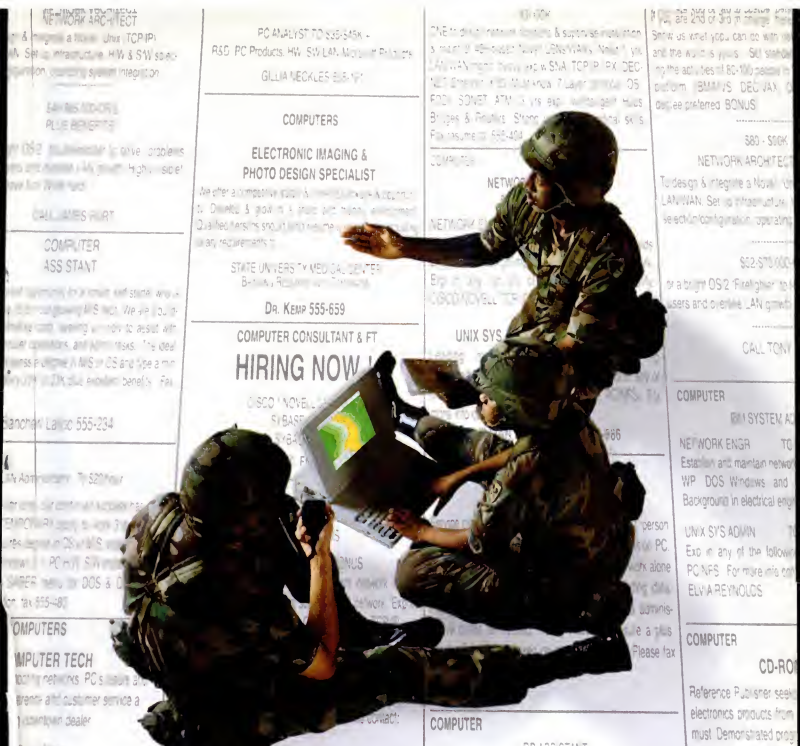
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